

LVT: GLUE DOWN CARE & MAINTENANCE

ESSENCE & FUNDAMENTALS Dryback (Glue down)

NOTICE

Luxury Vinyl Tile (LVT) is durable, all floor coverings require some care to look their best; many problems can be prevented before they occur. The type and frequency of traffic on your floor covering will determine the frequency of maintenance needed. The type of flooring and even the color will also have some bearing on how much care may be necessary. For example, solid color floorings will show scuffs, scratches, dirt and general wear to a greater degree than multi-colors of chips or patterns. Of course, white or light colors will show staining to a greater degree than darker colors. For this reason, solid color and white floorings should receive special attention in regard to preventative maintenance and the amount of care provided. Proper selection when choosing the type and style of flooring will help prevent maintenance related problems after installation.

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DRYBACK (GLUE DOWN) PRODUCTS

- Adhesive should be given ample time to cure and create a bond between the substrate and the LVT. Ensure that the post-installation room temperature is properly set and allow proper drying time according to the adhesive manufacturer's instructions before walking or placing furniture and appliances on your new flooring.
- Sweep or vacuum thoroughly and remove any adhesive residue from surface. Mineral spirit is fine for this.
- Do not wash/mop the flooring for at least 72 hours after installation.
- After this time has passed, the flooring can be damp mopped with a solution of clean water and mild detergent or domestic floor cleaning emulsion.
- Remove any scuffs and excessive soil by careful scrubbing with recommended solution and a soft absorbent cloth.

REGULAR CLEANING

- Vacuum or wet mop
- Clean with a solution of clean water and mild detergent or domestic floor cleaning emulsion
- Be careful when placing furniture and appliances over your new flooring. For heavy items, it is recommended to use smooth furniture sliders or move furniture over sheets of plywood or hardboard to prevent damage to your new flooring.
- Check the condition of all the casters or rollers on your furniture before setting them on your flooring. Replace any worn ones.
- Protect your LVT flooring by covering furniture legs with felt protectors.

PROPER MAINTENANCE GUIDELINES

1. Regular adherence to an effective maintenance program should include thorough dirt and grit removal by sweeping, dust mopping or vacuuming daily. It should be noted that the use of brush roller agitation on vacuums is not recommended. Do not use chlorinated solvents. Never use wax or varnish coating or products that contain wax or oil. Never use a steam mop.
2. Promptly remove spills. Always test cleaners in an inconspicuous area or an unused sample before using on flooring. Abrasive cleaners should never be used on LVT products. Do not use vinegar, one-step cleaner/polishes or oil soaps on LVT products.
3. Do not flood your flooring or install it in areas subject to frequent standing water, or in high moisture areas. Flood mopping, hosing and frequent spills can loosen adhesive.
4. Protect your flooring against burns. Burns from the glowing end of a cigarette, matches, or other extremely hot items can damage LVT products.
5. In order to prevent indentations and scratches, provide plastic or other non-staining cups with flat under surfaces not less than 2" (5 cm) width for the legs of all furniture or appliances. On smaller diameter chair legs, use non-staining protectors that are the same size as the chair leg. Furniture with casters should have three (3) to five (5) wheels. The casters should be made of a non-staining surface and be a minimum of 3/4" (1.9 cm) wide. Chair pad protectors are required.
6. Protect your flooring from all tracked-in dirt, abrasive or not, by using non-staining mats at all entryways/ entrances. This will collect tracked-in dirt, sand and pebbles, as well as to absorb moisture. Take time to remove any tracked-in dirt from shoe soles before entering the room. Avoid the use of rubber-backed mats, as certain rubber compounds can permanently stain LVT products. Avoid tracking in tar or asphalt from driveways, as this can also discolor LVT products. Avoid the use of stiletto heels on your flooring as they can cause permanent damage. LVT products have a good resistance to stains, and are not affected by most common spills; however, any spill should be cleaned up immediately. The longer the spilled materials are left on the flooring, the greater the risk of permanently staining the LVT product. Please refer to the stain removal chart below.
7. Luxury Vinyl Tile must be protected from direct sunlight exposure. Signature recommends using UV protective film, blinds or curtains in all windows that provide direct sunlight to ensure that the products are not overheated. Luxury Vinyl Tile coverings exposed to excessive heat are subject to thermal expansion which may lead to buckling or peaking. Signature will not be held liable for any claims or damages arising out of or related to the failure of the installation when the flooring is exposed to direct sunlight.
8. Post-installation temperatures should be maintained between 55 °F - 85 °F (12.8 °C - 29.4 °C)

SUGGESTED STAIN REMOVAL METHODS

STAIN TYPE	REMOVAL METHOD
Ink, iodine, mercurochrome, coffee, alcohol, fruit juice, ketchup, vinegar, mustard, blood, urine, vomit, excrement, povidone-iodine (Betadine)	Immediately rub stain with a white cloth dampened in solution water and mild detergent. Let set for one (1) minute. Rinse with cold/clean water.
Rust, grass, dye	Immediately rub stain with soft nylon cleaning sponge dampened in alcohol (isopropyl). Thoroughly rinse with cold/clean water.
Asphalt, tar, grease, oil, wax, chewing gum, nail polish, alkalis, lacquer, paint, rubber	If needed, remove soiled material with a plastic spatula. Immediately wipe with a white cloth dampened in full strength resilient pH neutral floor. Thoroughly rinse with cold/clean water.
Diluted acids, drain cleaner, harsh soaps or detergents	Immediately remove spill with a clean damp cloth folding frequently. Thoroughly rinse with cold/clean water. After removing liquid spills, use a full strength resilient pH neutral cleaner.
Burns (cigarettes, matches, etc.)	Remove charred/blackened area with small stiff putty knife or spatula; once removed, apply vinyl seaming liquid to repair.